

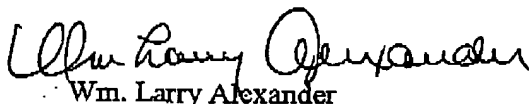
Application No. 10/786,504

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, claims 1-5, 13-20, 22 and 23 are pending as reading on Figures 1-17 and claims 6-12 and 21 are withdrawn. In contrast to the assertion that there are no pending generic claims, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 18 are in fact generic to all asserted species (A-J). Because claims 1 and 18 are generic to all species, no extra work is involved in examining all claims (1-23). Therefore, examining claims 1-23 should not present an undue burden to the Examiner and reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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